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Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2002 for three(3) month(s) from September 18, 2002 to December 18, 2002. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is mailed herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/CDS-221/CKG in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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